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And Next From the People Who Brought You

AMCHITKA...

At the Geneva Disarmament conference, attended this Summer by 25 Nations, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. jointly tabled a proposal that would ban the stockpiling and use of biological weapons. They failed, however, to discuss the question of chemical warfare, leaving in effect the Geneva Protocol of 1925 as the paramount treaty covering this particular issue. The fact that chemical weapons are presently in use whilst biological weapons are not explains the desire of the U.S. to discuss only controls on the latter, for that nation is the main employer of these hazardous chemicals.

Nevertheless, the '25 protocol, bearing the signature now of 96 nations, calls for a total ban on the use of both biological and chemical weapons. Lest there be any uncertainty concerning interpretation of the Protocol the appropriate passage enforcing a prohibitions on "asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and... all analogous liquids, materials or devices" was recently re-examined by the United Nations. The General Assembly (Dec. 1969), passing the resolution by a vote of 80 to 3 with 36 abstentions, unambiguously defined the use of any chemicals in war as contrary to the Protocol.

Included among the votes cast in opposition was that of the U.S., which nation, due to pressure from the chemical industry, failed to ratify the treaty in 1925 and has since not rectified the situation. The abstentions meanwhile included Canada and most countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In order to understand why the U.N. recognized a need for the total ban on chemical weapons one need only explore the record of the Indochina war. Here the U.S. has steadily increased the quantity and toxicity of herbicides and riot control agents to a point where their policy is tantamount to waging chemical warfare.

According to George Bunn, an official in the Johnson administration, herbicides were originally used to control weeds and other uncultivated crops. Within a decade, however, their use was extended to the dimensions of a full scale

le operations with some chemicals in use at higher concentrations than allowed in the U.S. and other chemicals in use which are completely banned in the U.S. The result of this programme has included large scale destruction of forests and agricultural land both in terms of present and future use, and the reported births of many deformed babies. The programme has succeeded in forcing a rice-growing country to import rice and caused immeasurable suffering to the civilians of South Vietnam who are supposedly allies of the U.S.

The riot control agents used in Vietnam range in the severity of their effects. Among the more hazardous chemicals is one used frequently, a gas called CS. This chemical, more poisonous than chlorine, is capable of undergoing metabolism to cyanide in the human body and is already known to be responsible for the death, blindness or maiming of many individuals. It is not known what concentration of this gas constitutes a lethal dose, but it is known to be far more dangerous to children and adults suffering heart and lung disorders. This chemical is not merely a riot control agent, it is undoubtedly a highly toxic and non-selective chemical weapon. Although the U.S. has agreed with the views of Canada that harassing agents are acceptable while incapacitating agents are unacceptable, the repeated use of CS clearly indicates the inability or unwillingness of that government to understand and conform to the limitations spelled out in such a policy.

Riot control agents were initially used in South Vietnam for humanitarian reasons of, as the name implies, civilian riot control. Dean Rusk, Secretary of State in 1965 stated "we do not expect that gas will be used in ordinary military operations". By 1969, however, this policy had changed, for as explained by a spokesman for the Defense Department riot control agents had become standard military equipment. The reaction of the U.S. Administration to the U.N. resolution can be seen in the remarks of Secretary of State William P. Rogers who said, "we think

it (tear gas) is more humane than napalm or other methods of warfare "and it will continue to be used at a level to be determined by the relevant military and economic considerations. At the same time Assistant Secretary of Defense, Nutter was explaining that "it is the firm opinion of our military that the use of riot control agents has been a very important factor in avoiding unnecessary suffering."

What these gentlemen failed to point out, for all their concern about suffering and humanity, was the manner in which the gases are used. They are used to drive the enemy out of cover so that he can be demolished by conventional weapons. This is hardly more humane than other methods of killing, particularly in view of the fact that many V.C. now possess gas masks with the result that the only people demolished by the ensuing attack are innocent civilians. Concern for alleviation of suffering is clearly an extremely one sided concept, excluding even the civilian allies of the U.S. With such an attitude it is easy for the U.S. to justify the use of over 20 million pounds of chemicals solely in terms of "saving American Lives".

Such an attitude, however, will need modification, for now even the V.C. have begun using chemical weapons to prevent suffering to their army. It will be interesting to see whether the U.S. feels the causes of humanity are best served by the use of chemical agents against American G.I.s.

The increase in the use of chemicals used, to the extent that the programme bears all the earmarks of a chemical war. The way has been opened for a rapid increase in the quantity and toxicity of chemicals used by both sides of the conflict, all of which will fall under the protective guise of 'humanitarian considerations'!

It is interesting to note that the highly toxic chemical CS has been used by the U.S. government to disperse peace demonstrations, and by the British Government to control riots in Londonderry. The spectacle of such nations using weapons to control civilian dis-

FOULS PROVE FATAL

On Sunday, November 7 the Mac-Abbott Chansmen travelled to Quebec City only to be beaten by the Université de Laval "Rouge et Or". Before an estimated fifteen hundred partisan fans, Laval took an early lead and never looked back.

The Clansmen offence was inconsistent and failed to come up with the right combination and lost the ball several times within Laval territory. The defense was also lacking. Laval was left unguarded too many times under the basket resulting in easy lay-ups.

At the end of the first half, the score was 42-31 in favour of Laval. Too many turn overs and fouls told the story. The referees stole the show as they handed the Clansmen thirty-two fouls, five of which were unwarranted technicals. Laval scored thirty five points from the foul line, a little less than half their score.

The Clansmen looked much better in the second half as they outscored 43-40 and for a while it looked as though they could take the game away, but Ken Smyth and Dave Algar, two of the starting five, were

fouled out and the Clansmen ran out of time.

In spite of the loss, however, the Clansmen had their bright spots. Ken Smyth, who must be one of the best guards in the league, played an excellent game, scoring 17 points. The Rouge et Or rested a little easier when Ken was fouled out. Jim Guild was up to his all-Canadian performance as he led the scoring with twenty two points and Chris Hunter managed to score 13 points when he wasn't reaching for rebound. Dave Algar, another veteran, had trouble finding the mark in the first half but came back to score 9 points in the second half. Rookies Barrie Russel and Peter Kelly used their size and ability well and with a little more experience they will be a great help to the Clansmen.

Joe Amiel showed that he can serve too as he got six points in the second half. J. Michaud, Pat Norwood, Andy Christie and returnees Wayne Boyle and Pete Havard will further bolster the Clansmen as they aim for the league championship.

J.B.



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turbances when the same weapons are banned from use in international, conflict, presents an anomalous and distressing picture.

Clearly, it is impossible to draw a line between chemicals of more or less danger and legislate against the use of those above certain strengths, with any expectation that such legislation could be enforced. The only way to prevent the massive environmental catas-

trophe and the immense human suffering caused by chemical weapons is to enforce a total ban, a position accepted by the United Nations.

The Nixon Administration, which has expressed a desire to have the U.S. Senate ratify the '25 Protocol, will only accept such ratification if it includes an American reservation excluding from consideration non-lethal chemicals. The

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QUESTIONS BY BRUCE PETRIE

What did you think of this year's Fall Royal? Good? Bad? Recommendations.

Janice Baxter, J.A.C.I. - I really enjoyed it except the idea of Mac against J.A.C. in powderpuff football. The game was good but they shouldn't have gone against each other.

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Mehdi Abdelwahab, Agr. III - As far as I am concerned, many people put a heck of a lot of work into it and according to the number of visitors as compared to last year, it must have been good. I hope it is as good next year!

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Rollie Lalonde, Agr. V - I'd say that kids' tastes have changed a bit. The Royal was successful considering the enrollment. Klondike night lacked character and I think it should be changed for next year. Publicity was very poor and spirit was lacking.

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Debby Fleming, J.A.C.I. - When we used to come here for the Royal there were pamphlets and arrows and maps and guinea pigs and stuff. This year there was nothing. Displays were really lacking something. No high schools came-nothing.

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Ron MacDonald, Agr. II - It wasn't anywhere near last year. It wasn't as well organized or presented in the same fashion. Nobody knew where the exhibits were. It just seemed like nothing. The Fair part was good, but the Royal...

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Rodger Vizbar, Agr. II - Overall, the Royal was very good although there may have been too much happening at one time. Friday night, J.A.C. had a party, the Bar-Disco was open and the Barn Dance was happening. We all put a lot of work into it, and I think it was worth it.

Ed's, Note: Due to technical difficulties there are no photos this week.

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COUNCIL CORNER

On Monday November 1, (to quote an unquotable Council left the mundane problems and tackled the miscellaneous ones, and they did it again on November 8.

Someone quietly suggested that the C.C. minutes had to be approved. Quietly, the first set went through then... As the second set were brought up the tension mounted and Council (finally) got excited. The topic of excitement was the proposed by Fraser Scott, Barrie Stewart & Clayton Wright to "borrow" the Bar-Disco facilities for the New Year's weekend. Their proposal was this: They would open the Bar for the weekend, hire a band, staff and pay the janitors. They would pay the costs of running it plus a percentage to the Bar-Disco committee. The rest they would take as profit or pay as loss. The arguments ranged from lengthy discussions on entrepreneurship to whether or not anyone would be here to attend. The motion

was defeated. It was suggested that they offer their services to the Bar-Disco committee. Since this meeting life has changed and the band has been hired elsewhere, so that ended the New Years Eve Party at Mac.

Next on the agenda was the SADC constitution changes. Until this meeting the board was not able to function as the first appeal board in the discipline system. The board's membership still consisted of the Ed students' representative. However, now that Council has approved the new constitution SADC is now in a position to hold hearings for any Mac student who feels he has had unjust disciplinary action taken against them.

The other major item which had better be of interest to you is fire regulations. George Weaver brought up the point that there is no fire exit from the biggest fire trap on campus - Brittain Hall Annex. But look around where you are now

and ask yourself what would happen if there was a fire.

At the end of the meeting Rollie announced that he felt Council has accomplished something. Bob Stewart suggested he should wait until the "Dram" came out before making such a sweeping statement.

The only problem of major interest covered at the last meeting was the banning of cars from campus in certain designated areas. The suggestion was that cars and motorcycles be banned from the following areas: front of Agriculture Building, Laird Hall, Biology Building, and through the Arctic Circle to the north side of the Oval. Hopefully this recommendation would endole students to get to classes without risking their lives. This proposal was made in the light of the lack of pedestrian walkways on campus and the proposed increase in Mac-Jac numbers. Agree or disagree? Tell George Weaver.



IMAGE

Editor:

The annual conference of ACHES was held October 21-23 in Charlottown, P.E.I. As delegates from Macdonald College, Judy Coveney and I found out what the Association for Canadian Home Economics Students was all about. I don't think many others know.

ACHES is a daughter association of the Canadian Home Economics Association, a professional affiliation of Home Economics graduates in Canada. At the conference we rub-ber shoulders with forty eight other students from Universities from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia and many professionals in the field of Home Economics and Food Science.

So informative and entertaining was the weekend that all of us forgot the stigma generally attached to us by our peers in University and by the public at large. You know - the sweet "home-ec girl" who is not too aggressive or stunning, but she'll make a good wife for someone because she spent four years learning to cook and sew. That has to stop. Like most stereotypes it's completely unfair and false. Why?

You might ask. I think that ACHES has given some good answers. In the first place there was a male delegate from Universite de Montreal. I don't think he'd make a good wife. Second a symposium on job opportunities clearly showed that the field of Home Economics and Food Science is not a meek or weak one. Ours is a field of expanding scope and challenge and definitely one of the present and future. It refuses to be squashed by an image from the past.

Mary Gill
Food Science IV

CREDITS

Editor:

I would like to draw to your attention that your proof readers must have overlooked an error in your Dram's masthead in the last two issues. Six positions were listed with seven names opposite these positions. I believe that the Men's Sports Editor is missing.

On the topic of credits, it is noticeable that your paper fails to give credits to most articles written. Certainly, I can see why you don't bother to give credit to the author of articles like "Le Bidette" but constructive articles like "Plant Tissues and Agriculture" by Calvin Chong (Hort. Dept.) in the October 29 issue deserve adequate recognition.

The Dram fails to have a clear cut editorial policy by not answering letters to the editor. How about some response?

Robert Coffin
Pres. Mac Photo Dept.

Ed. Note: The editorial policy on credits is that it is the author's own choice. He indicates to a member of the staff if he wishes a credit. Our apologies to Mr. Chong for the misunderstanding.

NO GRAD

Editor:

I was both surprised and shocked to learn that there will not be a council funded Graduation Ball this year due to "financial troubles". The fifth year class, to my mind has done a hell of a lot for the spirit, organizations etc. of our Clan. I cannot accept any excuse to push an otherwise show of thanks to them (ie. the Graduation Darce) out the Council office window.

I call upon the members of Clan Macdonald at large to demand a dance be given to the class of 1972, as a vote of thanks to a great bunch of kids. When they are gone next year, Macdonald will somehow be different. It will be up to the remaining classes to fill in where they left off (at the top).

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Interclass Volleyball Standings:

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Agr IIA	2	0	Agr IIB	2	1
Agr IVA	1	2	Dip II	1	1
Agr VA	1	2	Dip IB	0	1
Agr IIIA	1	1	Agr IVB	0	2
J.A.C.A	1	0	Agr VB	0	3

Rugger: The Rugger squad finished their season in a winning way with a convincing victory at University of Vermont last Sunday. Clansmen-9, Vermont-0. The weekend before, they defeated Tracey 6-3 on Saturday and lost to Trent 13-9 Sunday. Thanks for the exciting matches.

Basketball: Mac-J.A.C. Varsity team is off to Albany this weekend for a couple of games in the Canadian-American Tournament. The Clansmen dropped their opening game Sunday to Laval University 82-74.

Hockey: Varsity hockey action next week has the Clansmen at Université de Québec, Montreal, Tuesday 16th at 8:00 pm. and at home Friday 19th against Chicoutimi at 8:00 pm.

Women's Sports

Field Hockey

The field hockey season came to a somewhat disappointing end last weekend as the Mac-Jac team bowed to a more experienced team, the Pioneers. The nine players who bothered to show up put on a fine performance in the first half but tired somewhat during the second half and allowed the opposition to get three goals.

The weekend prior to this, the field hockey team participated in a tournament on St. Helen's Island where they won two out of three games, losing by a score of 1-0 to the Vagabonds. One player who did exceptionally well during this tournament was Linda Chippendale, who scored 2 goals as well as carrying the ball down the field many times.

Now that the season is over, there are a few people who should be acknowledged for their consistently good play. These include Pat Austin, Sandi Meredith, Jill Pangman, Nancy Saunders, Kathy Irving and Antoinette Dumalo.

Many thanks go to the coach, Claude Laflon, who helped the team do as well as they did and stuck with it despite the apparent lack of interest noted in a few of the team members.

foot, as the MAC-JAC Lassies seemed to walk all over the Vanier team by a score of 56-26. Top point getter was Carole Keyes who amassed 23 points. Way to put them Carole! Special recommendations to Carolyn Mulghein who did an excellent job on the boards. This is only the beginning! You'll see how far this team will go.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team did not have quite so fortunate a start, as they dropped 3 out of 4 matches to Vanier. There is obviously still room for improvement. It just takes a little time.

BASKETBALL

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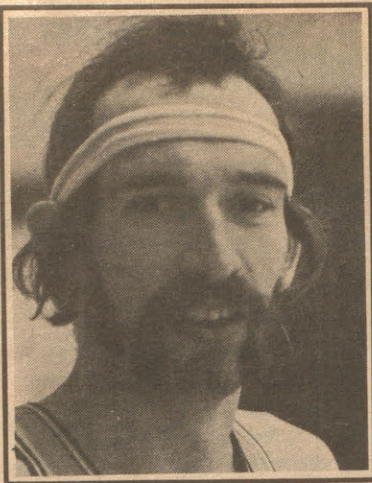
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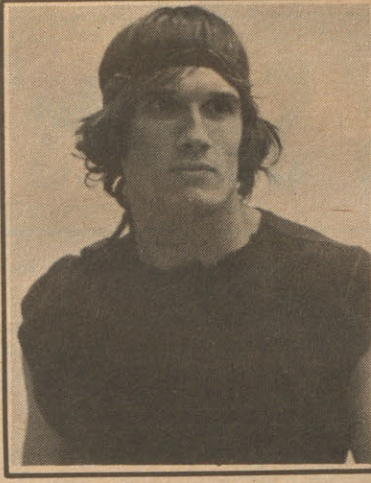
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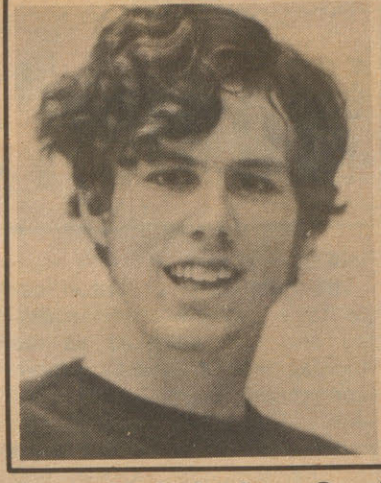
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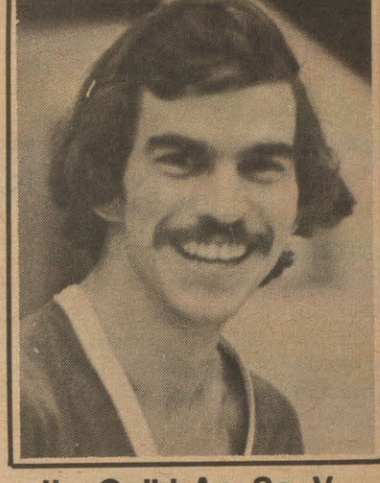
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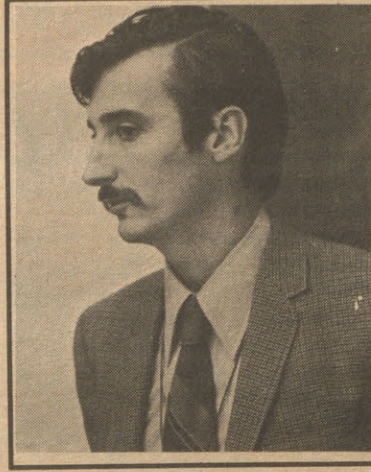
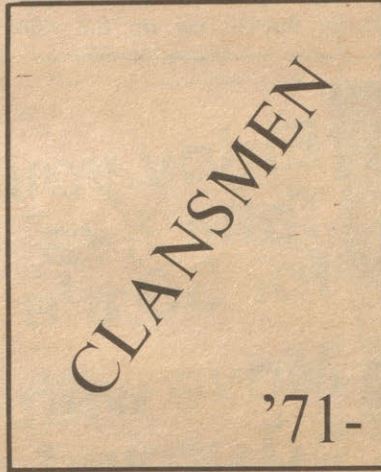
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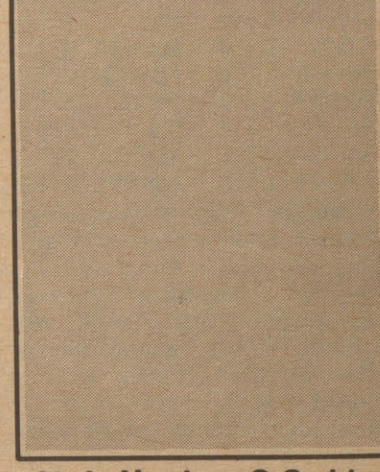
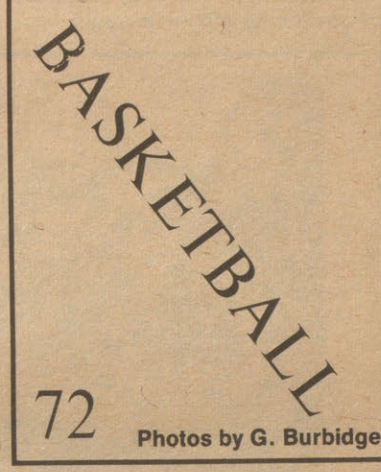
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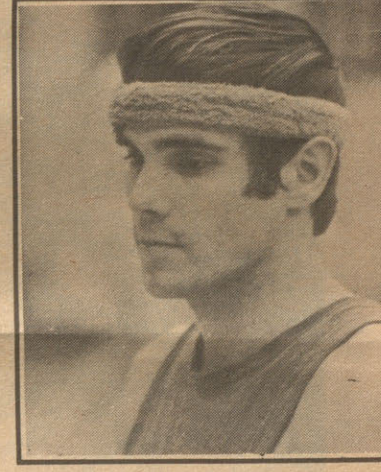
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attitude is demonstrated by the remarks of William Rogers before the Senate Foreign relations committee, "It is the U. S. understanding of the Protocol that it does not prohibit the use in war of riot control agents and chemical herbicides. Smoke, flame and napalm are also not covered by the Protocol. "Referring to the Protocol further Rogers naively explained, "No-one was talking about protection of plants, they were talking about the protection of people."

In February, 1970 the British Foreign Secretary stated that the chemical CS was to be regarded not as a tear gas or poison gas, which are banned by the Protocol, but as a screening smoke which is not banned. Some months later Members of Parliament were able to judge for themselves the accuracy of this statement when two grenades of CS were thrown into the house. A committee appointed by the Foreign

Secretary is now analysing the position.

Though Pierre Trudeau stated in 1969, "No single international activity... rates... higher priority... than the pursuit of effective arms control and arms limiting agreements," Canadian spokesmen at the 1970 Geneva conference, referring to the 1925 protocol, persevered with the illusion that "tear gas and other riot control agents are not included". An executive assistant to the Secretary of State indicated in August, however, that Canada has not yet come to a

decision on the inclusion or exclusion of riot control agents and herbicides in the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

The three major western powers hold opinions inconsistent with those of the United Nations General Assembly, an exceedingly dangerous position

considering the influence of these three countries throughout the world. Unless Canada wishes to hold joint responsibility, with the other two nations, for undermining this treaty and opening the way for a massive chemical arms race, this Government should decla-

re, unreservedly, its support for the position endorsed by the 80 members of the United Nations. We can no longer afford to play games with such important issues.

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